PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS - September 19, 2025 - Race 5

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - Thoroughbred

(PLUS UP TO 30% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OF \$17,000 OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, STARTER, OR STATE BRED ALLOWANCE OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE \$40,000. Three Year Olds, 121 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Since August 19

Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$40,000 (Claiming Races For \$25,000 Or Less Not Considered In Estimating Allowances). (NW2\$ X)

Claiming Price: \$40,000

Distance: Six And One Half Furlongs On The All Weather Track Current Track Record: (Roses for Debra - 1:13.92 - September

20, 2024) Purse: \$44,000

Available Money: \$44,000

Value of Race: \$43,560 1st \$26,400, 2nd \$8,800, 3rd \$4,400, 4th \$2,200, 5th \$1,100, 6th \$660

Weather: Clear, 74° Track: Fast

Off at: 7:06 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wg	t M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
11Aug25 ⁵ PID ³	4	Rocket Dragon (Spieth, Scott)	123	L	3	3	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	1 ^{3/4}	13.30	stlk,split 2p 1/4,drvg
11Aug25 ⁵ PID ¹	5	Toddchero (Martinez, Gaddiel)	123	L	4	2	1.1	1 ¹	1 ^{Head}	21	2.40	pace, grudgingly
30Jul25 8CNL3	2	Bucaro (Gallardo, Antonio) VACERTIFED	120	L	1	6	4 ^{Head}	5 ²	3 ^{1/2}	3 ¹ 1/4	1.60*	rated,ins turn,willing
1Sep25 ⁴ FL ¹	6	Bustin Away (Coa, Keiber)	125	L	5	1	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{1/2}	5 ¹	4 ^{Nose}	8.00	tracked 2p, weakened
26Aug25 ⁷ PID ¹	3	Certain (Morales, Pablo)	123	Lb	2	5	6	6	4 ¹	5 ^{3/4}	2.90	inside uppr,not enough
8Sep25 ¹ MNR ¹	7	Dowagiac Chief (Rojas, Martina)	125	L fw	6	4	5 ²	4 ¹	6	6	8.50	4-5w turn,needed more

Fractional Times: 22.69 45.76 1:09.87

Split Times: (23:07) (24:11) (6:47)

Run-Up: 35 feet

Winner: Rocket Dragon, Bay Gelding, by Kantharos out of Ride to Houston, by Candy Ride (ARG). Foaled May 12, 2021 in Kentucky.

Final Time: 1:16.34

Breeder: Whisper Hill Farm, LLC

Owner: Aldana Gonzalez Racing LLC and Ballou, Steve

Trainer: Spieth, Aldana

Claiming Prices: 4 - Rocket Dragon: \$40,000; 5 - Toddchero: \$40,000; 6 - Bustin Away: \$40,000; 7 - Dowagiac Chief: \$40,000;

Scratched Horse(s): Drunk On Sake (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$41.828

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
4	Rocket Dragon	28.60	8.60	4.00	\$2.00 Pick 3	8-5-4 (3 correct)	516.60	17,141
5	Toddchero		4.20	2.80	\$2.00 Pick 4	7-8-5-4 (4 correct)	4,324.00	30,892
2	Bucaro			3.20	\$2.00 Pick 5	1/6-7-8-5-4 (5 correct)	31,950.80	18,795
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-4	103.40	5,373
					\$2.00 Exacta	4-5	79.80	20,143
					\$2.00 Superfecta	4-5-2-6	2,357.00	6,312
					\$2.00 Trifecta	4-5-2	382.40	10,842

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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	Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin			
	4	Rocket Dragon	3	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	1 ^{3/4}			
	5	Toddchero	2	11	11	1 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}			
	2	Bucaro	6	4 ² 1/2	5 ³	31 1/2	31 3/4			
	6	Bustin Away	1	21	2_1	5 ³	4 ³			
	3	Certain	5	64 3/4	6 ⁵	4 ²	5 ³			
1	7	Dowagiac Chief	4	5 ^{2 3/4}	4 ²	6 ⁴	6 ^{3 3/4}			

Trainers: 4 - Spieth, Aldana; 5 - Arriagada, Juan; 2 - Trombetta, Michael; 6 - Ferraro, M.; 3 - Connelly, Teresa; 7 - Rogers, J.

Owners: 4 - Aldana Gonzalez Racing LLC and Ballou, Steve; 5 -Juan Arriagada; 2 - Commonwealth New Era Racing and Trombetta, Marie F.; 6 -Michael R. Di Tomasso; 3 - Martinez, Linda and Connelly, Teresa; 7 - Smart Angle LLP and Rogers, J. Michael;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms

ROCKET DRAGON stalked the pace, moved up to split rivals near the quarter pole two deep and finished well to edge up under strong handling. TODDCHERO showed good early foot to set the early pace and gave way to the winner grudgingly. BUCARO rated back, saved ground through the far turn and finished willingly to the wire. BUSTIN AWAY tracked the early leader two deep and weakened a bit through the drive. CERTAIN dropped back early, raced from the inside around the far turn into the upper stretch and had not enough in the drive. DOWAGIAC CHIEF raced four to five wide from the outside of foes through the far turn and needed more.

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